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SUBJ: ISRAELI PUBLISHERS TO PARTICIPATE IN MOSCOW BOOK FAIR

1. ISRAELI PRESS HAS REPORTED AND COMMENTED ON THE FACT THAT SEVERAL ISRAELI PUBLISHERS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST MOSCOW INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR SCHEDULED TO BE HELD SEPT. 6 TO 14. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE MFA EASTERN EUROPE DIVISION (PALMOR) HAS CONFIRMED TO US THE ACCURACY OF THESE REPORTS. HE SAID THAT ISRAELI PUBLISHERS WERE INVITED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO AND THAT VISAS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ISSUED TO SOME PARTI-CIPANTS AND HE ANTICIPATED NO DIFFICULTY FOR THE REMAINING PUBLISHERS. THE BOOK FAIR IS TO BE A COMMERCIAL ENTER-PRISE AND THE ISRAELI PARTICIPANTS ARE HOPING TO PLACE ORDERS FOR FUTURE SALES. A NUMBER OF BOOKS HAVE BEEN SHIPPED TO MOSCOW TO BE DISPLAYED AS SAMPLES. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION RECEIVED BY ISRAELI PUBLISHERS THERE WERE RESTRICTIONS ON THE BOOKS TO BE DISPLAYED AND THE FAIR MANAGEMENT RETAINED THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE "CERTAIN BOOKS." FOR EXAMPLE, BOOKS WHICH WERE CONSIDERED TO BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGAINST PEACE AND COOPERATION BETWEEN PEOPLES COULD NOT BE DISPLAYED. THE ISRAELI PUBLISHERS SUBMITTED A LIST OF BOOKS IN ADVANCE AND NO OBJECTIONS HAVE YET BEEN RECEIVED.

2. PALMOR SAID THE MINISTRY CONSIDERS THE BOOK FAIR AND THE EXTENSION OF INVITATIONS TO ISRAEL TO PARTICIPATE

TO BE CONSIDERABLY DIFFERENT FROMTHE USUAL SOVIET PRACTICE REGARDING EXHIBITIONS OR MEETINGS. HE SAID THE MINISTRY IS MILDLY ENCOURAGED BUT IT IS TOO EARLY TO SAY WHAT SIGNIFICANCE, IF ANY, THIS EVENT MAY HAVE FOR ISRAEL.

3. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REPEAT TO MOSCOW. LEWIS

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